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April Detroit Section Newsletter on the Web

The April *Trends & Topics* Newsletter is being printed and mailed to Detroit Section members, but it will also be available on the web. Please forward this emailed *News Brief* to your friends and associates to let them know about our newsletter and upcoming meetings.

May 5 Visit to Solid Concepts in Troy, MI



Topic: Rapid Prototyping

Date: Monday, May 5, 2014

Time: 5:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Solid Concepts Inc.
2701 Industrial Row Dr.
Troy, MI 48084

Cost: No charge for technical society members; \$10 for non-members; Advance Reservations are required.

Event Information: The Detroit Section has arranged an exclusive visit to the Solid Concepts facility in Troy, MI. Solid Concepts is a seven-facility company with project management and engineering expertise. Prototyping and low-volume production of plastic and metal components directly from design data with a broad selection of technologies and materials. These technologies allow for low-volume production of plastic, urethane, and metal components directly from design data, resulting in significant time and cost savings. For more information on Solid Concepts, visit their website at www.SolidConcepts.com.

RSVP Information: Please contact Karen Rhodes-Parker at +1 248-244-8993 ext3 or email Karen@SPEdetroit.com for reservations if you plan to attend.

May 6 AutoEPCON Technical Conference



Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Time: 8:00am - 5:30pm

Location: MSU Management Education Center



811 West Square Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Cost: \$100 USD - SPE Member; \$125 USD - Non-SPE Member,
\$25 USD - Student (includes 1-year of complimentary membership in SPE)

Event Information: The Automotive Division and Detroit Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers International have developed a one-day multi-session technical conference specifically focused on engineering plastics for the automotive industry. There will be four Keynote addresses, 24 technical papers and 23 exhibits on display throughout the event. The registration fee includes the Conference Program Book, which contains abstracts of the presentations, as well as lunch, refreshments, and a reception until 6:30pm, which provides further networking opportunities for all who attend. [Click here for more about AutoEPCON.](#)

RSVP: Please register in advance at www.4SPE.org/AutoEPCON where you can find the complete program schedule, or contact Karen Rhodes-Parker at +1 248-244-8993 ext3; fax: +1 248-244-8925; or Karen@SPEdetroit.com. On-site Registration and Continental Breakfast will begin at 7:00am.

Other Upcoming Detroit SPE Events

- **Mon-Fri, June 9-13** Turner Alfrey Visiting Professor Program, MMI, Midland, MI
- **Wednesday, June 11** TAVP Technical Dinner Meeting, MMI, Midland, MI
- **Monday, June 23** Detroit Section 2014-2015 Planning Meeting, Sterling Heights, MI
- **Tuesday, June 24** Detroit Section Golf Outing, Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield, MI
- **Monday, September 15** Detroit Section Fall Kick-off Meeting, TBD
- **Sun-Wed, October 5-8** 16th Annual TPO Conference, Troy Marriott, Troy, MI

For additional information about any of these upcoming events, contact Karen Rhodes-Parker at +1 248-244-8993 ext3, fax: +1 248-244-8925, email: Karen@SPEdetroit.com.

New Websites for SPE and Detroit Section

The newly revised and improved SPE International website has been launched on www.4SPE.org. It is designed to provide tailored user-friendly readability and navigation on mobile devices as well as on laptop and desktop computers. The Detroit Section website will be accessible from within this expanded framework. The transfer of information from our old webpages on the old 4SPE website to the new Detroit Section website is currently work-in-progress.

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